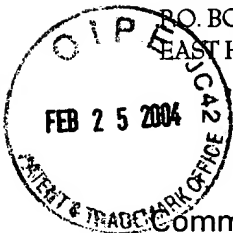


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Dear Examiner:

I am writing to inquire about the status of the Petition to Treat Special that was filed for the above patent. The applicant is now 84 years old, and I have received no notification of any action taken since my previous letter dated July 17, 2003.

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